

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 64 public bills, H.R. 1,210–1,273; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 146, 148–153 were introduced. **Pages H584–87**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H589–90**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 147, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 803) to designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–6). **Page H584**

**Committee Elections:** The House agreed to H. Res. 146, electing a Member to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H551**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. **Page H552**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Charlotte Street in Georgetown, South Carolina, as the “Joseph Hayne Rainey Memorial Post Office Building”: H.R. 264, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Charlotte Street in Georgetown, South Carolina, as the “Joseph Hayne Rainey Memorial Post Office Building”; **Pages H552–54**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 229 Minnetonka Avenue South in Wayzata, Minnesota, as the “Jim Ramstad Post Office”: H.R. 772, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 229 Minnetonka Avenue South in Wayzata, Minnesota, as the “Jim Ramstad Post Office”; **Pages H554–55**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1050 Sunset Road Southwest in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the “Jose Hernandez Post Office Building”: H.R. 813, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1050 Sunset Road Southwest in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the “Jose Hernandez Post Office Building”; and **Pages H555–56**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Main Street, Suite 102 in Tupelo, Mississippi, as the “Colonel Carlyle ‘Smitty’ Harris Post Office”: H.R. 208, to

designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Main Street, Suite 102 in Tupelo, Mississippi, as the “Colonel Carlyle ‘Smitty’ Harris Post Office”, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 32. **Pages H556–57, H563–64**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 5:25 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. **Page H563**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

**Effective Assistance of Counsel in the Digital Era Act:** H.R. 546, to regulate monitoring of electronic communications between an incarcerated person in a Bureau of Prisons facility and that person’s attorney or other legal representative; and **Pages H557–60**

**Puerto Rico Recovery Accuracy in Disclosures Act of 2021:** H.R. 1192, To impose requirements on the payment of compensation to professional persons employed in voluntary cases commenced under title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight Management and Economic Stability Act (commonly known as “PROMESA”). **Pages H560–63**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One ye-a-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appeared on pages H563–64.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

### INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held an oversight hearing on the Internal Revenue Service. Testimony was heard from Charles P. Rettig, Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, Internal Revenue Service.

### INNOVATION OPPORTUNITIES AND VISION FOR THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cyber, Innovative Technologies, and Information Systems held a hearing entitled “Innovation Opportunities and Vision for the Science and Technology Enterprise”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**NEAR-PEER ADVANCEMENTS IN SPACE AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Near-Peer Advancements in Space and Nuclear Weapons”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**PATHWAY TO PROTECTION: EXPANDING AVAILABILITY OF COVID-19 VACCINES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Pathway to Protection: Expanding Availability of COVID-19 Vaccines”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**REVITALIZING THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE**

*Committee on Oversight and Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Revitalizing the Federal Workforce”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**COLORADO WILDERNESS ACT OF 2021; EQUALITY ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 803, the “Colorado Wilderness Act of 2021”; and H.R. 5, the “Equality Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 7–4, a rule providing consideration of H.R. 803, the “Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act”, and H.R. 5, the “Equality Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 803, the “Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act”, under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117–2, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides that following debate, each further amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 3 shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before the question is put thereon, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. Section 3 of the rule provides

that at any time after debate the chair of the Committee on Natural Resources or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5, the “Equality Act”, under a closed rule. The rule provides 90 minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cicilline, Jordan, DeGette, Westerman, Plaskett, Boebert, Burgess, and Stauber.

**BUILDING BACK BETTER: THE URGENT NEED FOR INVESTMENT IN AMERICA’S WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Building Back Better: The Urgent Need for Investment in America’s Wastewater Infrastructure”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Committee on the Budget:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Neera Tanden, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Time to be announced, S–207, Capitol.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to continue hearings to examine the nomination of Debra Anne Haaland, of New Mexico, to be Secretary of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD–366.